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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 20 August 2004 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a) ☐ entered.
- b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

- d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.
- e) ☒ entered in part. See explanation below.

Applicant has characterized claims 43-47 as pending, yet withdrawn from consideration in the present amendment. These claims were canceled in the Examiner's Amendment, mailed on 24 May 2004. Although this amendment is technically in improper form, this amendment has been considered and will be entered in part as to claims 22-42, only. The amendment as it is drawn to claims 43-47 will not be entered.


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